

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Adulterated Food

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding cases of adulteration in various food items like pulses, ghee, milk, and other food items including chemical mixed products;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases registered, State/UTs-wise along with the schemes formulated by the Government to check adulteration; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to check this menace?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): As per information made available by the State/UT Governments to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the number of food samples collected, analyzed, samples found to be non-conforming to the standards prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Regulations thereunder and action taken during 2014-15 is at Annexure.

The implementation and enforcement of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 primarily rests with the State/UT Governments. The FSSAI regularly sensitises the State Food Safety Commissioners including through written communications and in the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee of the FSSAI.

(c): FSSAI has developed a Surveillance Plan which has been shared with State/UT Governments. This plan includes drawing samples of milk, packaged drinking water, cereals, fruits, edible oils, spices etc. The States/UTs are at liberty to modify it as per local requirements and take action accordingly to prevent food adulteration.

Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare has, vide D.O. letter dated 13.02.2016, also requested the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs to issue instructions to administrative and police authorities to extend all possible cooperation to food safety authorities in carrying out surveillance activities to check food adulteration and manufacture/sale of sub-standards food items.

Further, random sampling and testing of food products including milk and milk products is undertaken by officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/UTs to ensure compliance with the standards laid down under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Regulations thereunder. In cases where food samples are found to be non-conforming, recourse is taken up penal provisions under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006.